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- (b) Women in development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/492/Add.2)
- (c) Human resources development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/492/Add.3)
- 10. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/493) [57]
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- 11. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/60/494) [58]
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 - (b) United Nations System for Staff College in Turin, Italy: report of the Second Committee (A/60/494/Add.2)
- 12. Towards global partnerships: report of the Second Committee (A/60/495) [59]
- 13. Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: report of the Second Committee (A/60/496 and A/60/496/Corr.1) [73 (b)]
- 14. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/60/497)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30–9.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/6, A/60/6/Corr.1, A/60/6/Corr.2, A/60/6/Corr.3, A/60/6/Corr.4 (French only), A/60/6 (Introduction), A/60/6 (Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Sect. 3), A/60/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1 (French only), A/60/6 (Sect. 4), A/60/6 (Sect. 5), A/60/6 (Sect. 6), A/60/6 (Sect. 7), A/60/6 (Sect. 8), A/60/6 (Sect. 9), A/60/6 (Sect. 10), A/60/6 (Sect. 11), A/60/6 (Sect. 12), A/60/6 (Sect. 13), A/60/6 (Sect. 14), A/60/6 (Sect. 15), A/60/6 (Sect. 16), A/60/6 (Sect. 17), A/60/6 (Sect. 18), A/60/6 (Sect. 19), A/60/6 (Sect. 20), A/60/6 (Sect. 21), A/60/6 (Sect. 22), A/60/6 (Sect. 23), A/60/6 (Sect. 24), A/60/6 (Sect. 25), A/60/6 (Sect. 26), A/60/6 (Sect. 27), A/60/6 (Sect. 28), A/60/6 (Sect. 28A), A/60/6 (Sect. 28B), A/60/6 (Sect. 28C), A/60/6 (Sect. 28D), A/60/6 (Sect. 28E), A/60/6 (Sect. 28F), A/60/6 (Sect. 28G), A/60/6 (Sect. 29), A/60/6 (Sect. 30), A/60/6 (Sect. 31), A/60/6 (Sect. 32), A/60/6 (Sect. 33), A/60/6 (Sect. 34), A/60/6 (Sect. 35), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/59/397 and A/59/793))

Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 1, 8, 28A and 35 and income section 1 (A/60/303)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7, A/60/7/Corr.1, A/60/7/Add.1 and A/60/7/Add.1/Corr.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/60/16 and A/60/16/Corr.1)

Agenda items 124 and 136 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; and Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: 2005 World Summit Outcome: Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 16, 23, 28A, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 29; Revised estimates to the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/60/537, A/60/7/Add.13, A/60/7/Add.13/Corr.1 and A/60/7/Add.13/Corr.2); and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Section 29, Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/60/7/Add.14))

Agenda items 124, 122, 46, 119 and 120 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Strengthening of the United Nations system; and Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: Implementation of decisions from the 2005 World Summit outcome for action by the Secretary-General: Ethics office; comprehensive review of governance arrangements, including an independent external evaluation of the auditing and oversight system; and the independent audit advisory committee (A/C.5/60/19, A/60/568, A/60/568/Corr.1, A/60/568/Corr.2 and A/60/7/Add.23))

Agenda item 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007)

Agenda item 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.17 (as orally revised): Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women (A/C.5/60/12 and A/60/7/Add.15)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/60/L.50/Rev.1: Transparency in armaments (A/C.5/60/14 and A/60/7/Add.19)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.22/Rev.1: Rights of the child (A/C.5/60/15 and A/60/7/Add.18)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.15/Rev.1: Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/60/16 and A/60/7/Add.20)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53: Situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/60/17 and A/60/7/Add.17)

Programme budget implications of the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/60/18, A/60/7/Add.22 and A/60/7/Add.22/Corr.1)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35): The Rwanda genocide and the United Nations (A/C.5/60/20 and A/60/7/Add.26)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28: Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignities of Persons with Disabilities (A/C.5/60/21 and A/60/7/Add.27)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 (as orally revised): International migration and development (A/C.5/60/23 and A/60/7/Add.28)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.32/Rev.1: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/C.5/60/24 and A/60/7/Add.29)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.43: Preparations for and organization of the 2006 follow-up meeting on the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (A/60/7/Add.30)

Agenda item 125 (Programme planning (A/60/16, A/60/16/Corr.1, A/C.5/60/11, A/60/70 and A/60/73))

Agenda item 127 (Pattern of conferences (A/60/32, A/60/93, A/60/112, A/60/433 and A/C.5/60/9))

Agenda item 128 (Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/60/11, A/60/66 and A/C.5/60/2))

Agenda item 129 (Human resources management (A/60/310, A/C.5/60/L.2, A/C.5/59/L.34, A/60/174, A/60/262, A/60/365, A/59/388, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

Other meetings

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Thursday, 22 December 2005

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Latin American and Caribbean Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon Mr. Christopher Burnham, Under-Secretary-General for Management

2.30 p.m. Mr. Eric Schwartz, Deputy Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery; Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; Mr. Deepak Bhattachali, World Bank; Mr. Johan Schaar, Special Representative for Tsunami Operations, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Ms. Gillian Dunn, Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit, International Rescue Committee (update on recovery efforts in the 12 tsunami-affected countries one year after the disaster)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 36th meeting on Friday, 23 December 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held from 9 to 20 January 2006, is *open*. To inscribe on the list, please contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; or e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chairperson of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Ernesto Aranibar Quiroga (Bolivia), will hold an informal briefing for all interested delegations on the preparations for the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Wednesday, 18 January 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m., in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-fourth session are contained in document E/CN.5/2006/1.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (16-19 January 2006) will take place on Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will focus in particular on the agenda items related to the annual report of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council (item 3); the biennial support budget for 2006-2007 (item 5); the health and nutrition strategy (item 8); and the water, sanitation and hygiene strategy (item 10). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1¹. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2006

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 16-19 January 2006 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1¹. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 20 January (in the Trusteeship Council Chamber), and on Monday, 23 January 2006 (in the Economic and Social Council Chamber).

¹ To be issued.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, as follows:

Monday, 9 January 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6: on the overview of findings and recommendations of the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP and the UNDP management response; and

Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: on the UNIFEM organizational assessment (A/60/62-E/2005/10), chaired by H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan), Chairman of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM.

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 2006, on Monday, 9 January 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

First regular session 2006

The first regular session 2006 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 24 January, to Friday, 27 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2006/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but not later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 20 January, and Monday, 23 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2006.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 5 December 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 20 December 2005

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

34th meeting

The summary of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/248).

Wednesday, 21 December 2005

Security Council

5338th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2005/64).

5339th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2005/801, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2005/801) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2005/801) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1648 (2005).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2005/65).

5340th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2005/810, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2005/810) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2005/810) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1649 (2005).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2005/66).

5341st meeting

The situation in Burundi

Fifth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Burundi (S/2005/728)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2005/811, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2005/811) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2005/811) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1650 (2005).

5342nd meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2005/812, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2005/812) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2005/812) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1651 (2005).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2005/67).

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

35th meeting

The summary of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/248).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. New York, 21 November 1947

Accession: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex I - International Labour Organisation (ILO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. San Francisco, 10 July 1948

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Second revised text of Annex II - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Rome, 8 December 1965

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex III - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Geneva, 21 June 1948

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex IV - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Paris, 7 February 1949

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex V - International Monetary Fund (IMF) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 11 April 1949

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex VI - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 19 April 1949

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Third revised text of Annex VII - World Health Organization (WHO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Minneapolis, 17 July 1958

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex VIII - Universal Postal Union (UPU) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Geneva, 25 May 1949

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Annex XI - World Meteorological Organization (WMO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Paris, 17 April 1951

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Second Revised text of Annex XII - International Maritime Organization (IMO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. London, 22 November 2001

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex XIII - International Finance Corporation (IFC) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 2 April 1959

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex XIV - International Development Association (IDA) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 13 February 1962

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex XV - World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Geneva, 4 October 1977

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Annex XVI - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Rome, 16 December 1977

Application: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Latvia (19 December 2005)¹

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Designation of authorities: Denmark (19 December 2005)¹

**United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications
in International Contracts
New York, 23 November 2005**

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations
and Associated Personnel
New York, 8 December 2005**

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 23 November 2005 during the 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution 60/21 (A/RES/60/21). In accordance with its article 16, the Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2008 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The above Optional Protocol was adopted on 8 December 2005 during the 61st plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution 60/42. In accordance with its article IV, the Optional Protocol shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2007 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention and Optional Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention and/or Optional Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Rwanda

H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:

Iraq

H.E. Mr. Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie

Eastern European States:

Romania

H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Barbados

H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett

Western European and other States:

Canada

H.E. Mr. Allan Rock

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 December 2005.

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A/60/PV.24	Meeting held on 29 September 2005, 10 a.m. [S]
A/60/PV.27	Meeting held on 6 October 2005, 10 a.m. [S]
A/60/PV.28	Meeting held on 6 October 2005, 3 p.m. [C S]
A/60/PV.30	Meeting held on 10 October 2005, 3.50 p.m. [S]
A/60/PV.31	Meeting held on 13 October 2005, 10 a.m. [S]
A/60/PV.52	Meeting held on 14 November 2005, 3 p.m. [E]
	First Committee
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A/C.1/60/PV.11	Meeting held on 13 October 2005, 3 p.m. [E]
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